

pursuant to rule 97

N.B. The contents of this form may be disclosed to Law admitting authorities and Law regulatory bodies

**Applicant  
1 full name**

surname

given names

**2 address**

  

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**4 Application  
category**

This application is made pursuant to rule 97(2)  insert (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e)

**5 Law studies  
completed**

Country

Country

Institution

Institution

Qualification

Date completed

Qualification

Date completed

**6 Documents in  
support of  
application**

*In this section tick the boxes which denote the documents you are providing. See information overleaf about the documents normally supplied. Documents should wherever possible be A4 sized.*

- an original transcript of academic record in Law marked “A”
- copy of official descriptions of academic law subjects marked “B”
- information on the academic standing of the institution conducting my studies marked “C”
- evidence of my admission as a lawyer (an original certificate from an admitting authority) marked “D”
- a description of my practice as a lawyer marked “E”

**7 Declaration  
of applicant**

To the best of my knowledge and belief the information in this application is accurate.

date

**For details of documentation and lodgement and rule 97 see over**

# Documentation

A person applying under rule 97(2)(a) should normally enclose:

- an original transcript of their academic record in Law **marked “A”**
- a copy of official descriptions of their academic law subjects **marked “B”**

A person applying under rule 97(2)(b) should normally enclose:

- an original transcript of their academic record in Law **marked “A”**
- a copy of official descriptions of their academic law subjects **marked “B”**
- information on the academic standing of the institution conducting their studies **marked “C”** (desirable only in cases where, in the applicant's opinion, the institution is unlikely to be known to the Sub-Committee)

A person applying under rule 97(2)(c) should normally enclose:

- an original transcript of their academic record in Law **marked “A”**
- a copy of official descriptions of their academic law subjects **marked “B”**
- original documentary evidence that they have completed the academic qualifications for admission in at least one jurisdiction **marked “D”**

A person applying under rule 97(2)(d) should normally enclose:

- an original transcript of their academic record in Law **marked “A”**
- evidence of their admission as a lawyer (an original certificate from admitting authority) **marked “D”**
- a copy of official descriptions of their academic law subjects **marked “B”**

A person applying under rule 97(2)(e) should normally enclose:

- an original transcript of their academic record in Law **marked “A”**
- evidence of their admission as a lawyer (an original certificate from an admitting authority) **marked “D”**
- a description of their practice as a lawyer **marked “E”**

## How to return your application

1. To assist with processing your application, please place the cheque or money order on top, then the application form, then the other attachments. (the current application fee is prescribed under the Board's third schedule of the Legal Profession Admission Rules 2005 [www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lpab](http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lpab) ;

2. Return form and attachments to:

C/-The Team Leader Professional Services

Legal Profession Admission Board via any of the following methods:

GPO Box 3980

Sydney NSW 2001

or

DX 602

Sydney

or

*By hand only*

Level 4, 37 Bligh St (cnr  
Hunter St)

Sydney NSW 2000

## **RULE 97 OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION ADMISSION RULES 2005**

- (1) A person who falls within one of the categories set out in sub-rule (2) may apply to the Legal Qualifications Committee for exemption from some or all of the examinations set out in rule 53.
- (2) The categories referred to in sub-rule (1) are:
  - (a) persons who have undertaken studies towards meeting the academic requirements for admission in an Australian state or territory, but who have not completed those requirements;
  - (b) persons who have undertaken studies towards meeting the academic requirements for admission in a jurisdiction outside Australia, but who have not completed those requirements;
  - (c) persons who have completed the academic requirements for admission in a jurisdiction outside Australia, but who have not been admitted in that jurisdiction;
  - (d) persons who have completed the academic requirements for admission in a jurisdiction outside Australia and who have been admitted in that jurisdiction, but who have not practised in that jurisdiction; and
  - (e) persons who have completed the academic requirements for admission in a jurisdiction outside Australia and who have been admitted in that jurisdiction, and who have practised in that jurisdiction.
- (3) The Academic Exemptions Sub-Committee may exempt a person who falls within category (a) of sub-rule (2) from undertaking any examination referred to in rule 53 if it is satisfied that the person has covered the substance of the subject matter of that examination in his or her earlier studies.
- (4) The Academic Exemptions Sub-Committee may exempt a person who falls within category (b) of sub-rule (2) from undertaking:
  - (a) any examination referred to in rule 53 if it is satisfied that the person has covered the substance of the subject matter of that examination in his or her earlier studies, and
  - (b) any examination referred to in rule 53(b) if it is satisfied that the person has completed a law subject of equivalent educational standing in his or her earlier studies, and account has not been taken of that subject under paragraph (a).
- (5) Subject to sub-rule (6), the Academic Exemptions Sub-Committee may exempt a person who falls within category (c) or category (d) of sub-rule (2) from undertaking any or all of the examinations referred to in rule 53, if it is satisfied that the person has completed a course of study which is comparable in depth and scope with the course of study required for the examinations prescribed by rule 53.
- (6) The Academic Exemptions Sub-Committee may not under sub-rule (5) exempt a person from undertaking an examination corresponding to any of the subject areas set out in rule 95(1) unless it is satisfied that the person has covered the substance of the subject matter of that examination in his or her earlier studies.
- (7) The Academic Exemptions Sub-Committee may exempt a person who falls within category (e) of sub-rule (2) from undertaking any examination referred to in rule 53 if it is satisfied, having regard to the person's academic qualifications, the system of law applicable in the jurisdiction in which the person has been admitted and practised, and the nature and extent of the person's practical experience, that he or she ought not be required to undertake that examination.
- (8) The Academic Exemptions Sub-Committee may grant exemptions on such conditions as it thinks fit.
- (9) Notwithstanding sub-rule (1) no student-at-law shall apply under this rule for any exemption arising from studies which he or she has undertaken after registering as a student-at-law unless he or she has obtained the prior approval of the Legal Qualifications Committee to undertake those studies.
- (10) An application for exemption under this rule shall be in and to the effect of Form 16.
- (11) A person aggrieved by a determination of the Academic Exemptions Sub-Committee under this rule may, within one month of the making of the determination, or within such extended time as the Legal Qualifications Committee may allow, request the Legal Qualifications Committee to review the determination.